Co-ordination between Centre and State agencies on water supply projects

†997. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is total co-ordination with regard to implementation of water supply projects between the agencies of Centre and State;

(b) if so, the State-wise number of districts included so far under this programme; and

(c) by when the remaining districts will be included in this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (c) Rural Drinking Water is a State subject. Therefore, State Governments are responsible for providing drinking water facilities in the rural habitations. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of the State Governments in this direction by providing financial support through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). ARWSP is in operation in the entire country and the State Governments are empowered to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural water supply projects from the funds provided under ARWSP, as per the States' requirements.

Generation of employment

998. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the economic growth has not resulted in generation of employment for the rural people in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any study to find out the reasons therefore;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to implement policy with the focus on employment generation through different short time programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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